



Federal Emergency Management Agency

Washington, D.C. 20472

Ms. Kit Smith
Richland County Council Chairperson
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Dear Ms. Smith:

In my April 2, 2001, letter, I stated that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) would meet with local officials, appellants, and the public at large once more before making a final determination of flood elevations and floodplain and floodway delineations of the Congaree River. Details of the planned meeting have been set and are outlined in this letter.

The meeting will take place on April 27, 2001, in the Vista Room of the South Carolina State Museum, 301 Gervais Street, Columbia, South Carolina, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

The purpose of this meeting will be to provide further information regarding the finalization of the Flood Insurance Study and Flood Insurance Rate Map; to provide the appellants an opportunity to clarify any portions of their technical information submittals that FEMA received in the period September 26, 2000, through February 15, 2001; and to answer questions pertaining to FEMA regulations and policies. The comment period has ended; therefore, we will not accept any new data at this meeting.

The format of this meeting will be as follows:

- Opening by FEMA;
- Appellants each given an opportunity to clarify any issues that they feel need to be clarified;
- Community officials each given an opportunity to highlight any issues of concern; and
- Closing remarks by FEMA.

We appreciate your continued interest in the flood hazard mapping of the Congaree River and look forward to seeing you on the 27th.

Sincerely,

(Original signed)

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